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Nebraska Health & Human Services NEBRASKA WIC PROGRAM **Procedure Title: Adjunct Income**

Eligibility

Individuals Who Are Adjunctively Income Eligible For WIC

An applicant is adjunctively (automatically) income eligible for WIC if documentation shows that the individual:

- Receives benefits from either the Food Stamp Program, Medicaid, Kids Connection, Aid To Dependent Children, or
- Is determined presumptively eligible for Medicaid, or
- Is a member of a household containing
 - 1. an ADC recipient or
 - 2. a pregnant woman or infant currently on Medicaid.

Any time a household has a pregnant woman, teen, or an infant who is receiving Medicaid then everyone residing in that household is income eligible for WIC.

Example #1: A pregnant teen is living with her parents and a 3 year old brother. The teen is receiving Medicaid; therefore, everyone living in the house is income eligible for WIC including the 3 year old brother.

Example #2: Three families are living together in the same house. One family has a baby who is receiving Medicaid. Everyone in all three families are income eligible for WIC regardless of the actual income earned.

Documentation of Adjunct Program Participation

Proof of adjunct income eligibility based on participation/eligibility in one of the programs listed above must be confirmed at the time of application.

Self-declaration of participation in one of the above listed programs is not sufficient.

Documentation must include the person's name, the program they are participating in, and the date participation is for.

Documentation may include:

- Notice of eligibility letter or card which shows current eligibility dates.
- Copy of presumptive eligibility form with date eligible. At the next clinic visit (within 60 days) a valid Medicaid card or letter needs to be seen. Verbal verification by HHSS staff in the absence of written proof is allowed.

- Caseworker confirmation by phone.
- On-line access to adjunct programs which indicates current status (i.e. N-FOCUS).

Documentation In WIC ADP System

There are two possibilities for documenting adjunct eligibility in the Nebraska WIC computer system. They are:

Reported: is when the applicant tells staff they are participating in one of the programs listed above, but does not have written proof of the participation and WIC staff are unable to confirm participation with a caseworker.

The applicant is not considered automatically income eligible and must be screened for income eligibility the same as any other applicant.

Verified: is when the applicant tells staff they are participating in one of the programs listed above and has written proof of the participation. Or WIC is able to contact the caseworker and confirm the participation. The applicant is considered automatically income eligible.

Reported participation is to be marked with an "R" in the Adjunct Eligible field of the computer system and income assessed as for any other client.

Verified participation is to be marked with a "Y" in the Adjunct Eligible field of the computer system. The appropriate programs the applicant is enrolled/participating in should be marked in the pop up screen.